(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the dacoity in the Private Security Agency's van carrying Rs. 2 crores of ICICI Bank in New Delhi recently;

(b) whether all private security agencies are required to be registered with Government agency and whether the antecedents of the employees are verified by the police;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure that militant groups and ISI agents do not open security agency or join them for their intelligence activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Failure to trace key conspirator in Purulia arms dropping case

3215. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after six years of Purulia arms dropping case the key conspirator is yet to be traced by the CBI, despite having investigations carried out in several countries;

(b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure incurred, so far, on investigations carried out by CBI in several countries stating the names of these countries; and

(c) what are the reasons for failure to nab the key conspirator of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) CBI, with the help of Interpol Headquarters traced Mr. Kim P. Davy, one of the key conspirators in the case, in Sweden in 1996, in Brazil in 1998, Ecuador in 1998, Sudan in 1998, Netherland in 2000 and Denmark in 2000. However, before the Law Enforcement Agencies could act to apprehend him, he escaped. As he is using different identities and passports and moving from one country to the other, it has become very difficult for CBI and even for Interpol-Headquarter to track him accurately.

CBI conducted formal investigations by sending Letters Rogatory to UK, Latvia, Bulgaria, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Denmark, Switzerland, Pakistan

and Bangladesh. Letters Rogatory were executed by the respective authorities in UK, Latvia, Bulgaria, Hong Kong (partly) and Denmark.Other countries have not sent their Execution Reports on BI's Letters Rogatory so far. In addition to these countries, enquiries were also made by taking the help of Interpol Headquarters in the USA, Australia, Turks and Caicos Islands, Russia, South Africa, Lebanon, Croatia, Sweden, Brazil and Ecuador.

No separate budget was sanctioned exclusively for this case and all resources were mobilized from within the CBI. Therefor, it is not possible to compute in real terms the expenditure exclusively incurred in the case.

Inclusion of lulu and Kodava languages in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution

3216. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand from Karnataka to include Tulu and Kodava languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution;

(b) whether Government have set up a Committee to look into such demands;

(c) whether it is a fact that more than 70 lakh people speak Tulu in India; and

(d) whether Government would take steps to include Tulu and Kodava languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution so that these languages get National recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Government had decided that a suitable criteria needs to be evolved for inclusion of any language in the Eighth Schedule as no criteria has been laid down in the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the issue of evolving criteria has been referred to the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution for consideration. The question of inclusion of more languages including Tulu and Kodava languages in the Eighth Schedule would be considered after the criteria is evolved.

President's assent to Uniform Religious Endowments Bill

3217. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government had sent the Uniform Religious Endowments Bill passed by the Karnataka Legislature for President's assent; and

(b) if so, what is the present position?